

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| Amendment of Section 73.202(b), |) | MB Docket No. 02-225 |
| Table of Allotments, |) | RM-10517 |
| FM Broadcast Stations. |) | |
| (Crawfordville, Georgia) |) | |

**REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)**

Adopted: December 13, 2002

Released: December 16, 2002

By the Assistant Chief, Audio Division:

1. In response to a petition filed by Ritz Radio ("Ritz"), the Audio Division has before it for consideration the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*¹ seeking the allotment of Channel 234A at Crawfordville, Georgia. Ritz filed comments in which it reaffirmed support in the allotment of Channel 234A at Crawfordville.² Charles Crawford and Arthur A. Lyness also filed comments supporting an allotment at Crawfordville. Sutton Radiocasting Corporation ("Sutton") filed a counterproposal.³
2. We believe that the public interest would be served by the allotment of Channel 234A at Crawfordville, Georgia, as it will provide the community with an its first local FM broadcast service. Channel 234A can be allotted to Crawfordville in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) southwest of the community.⁴
3. Accordingly, pursuant to of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61,

¹ *Crawfordville, Georgia, 17 FCC Rcd 15670(MB 2002).*

² As requested in the *Notice*, petitioner complied with the requirements of Section 1.52 of the Commission's Rules by verifying that the information contained in the petition for rule making is true to the best of its knowledge and belief.

³ Sutton proposed the allotment of Channel 234A at Midway-Hardwick, Georgia, as a first local service. Sutton's counterproposal was not accepted in this proceeding as it specified a transmitter site too far away from the community to assume city-grade coverage of Midway-Hardwick by a Class A FM facility pursuant to Section 73.315 of the Commission's Rules. A staff engineering analysis shows that at the specified site, 33-09-21 and 83-08-20, the 70 dBu principal city grade contour will only cover 79.3% of the community. Therefore, the proposal is technically defective and will be dismissed.

⁴ The coordinates for Channel 234A at Crawfordville are 33-31-18 and 82-56-52.

0.204(b) and 0.283 of the authority contained in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective January 30, 2003, the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED for the community listed below, as follows:

| Community | Channel Number |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Crawfordville, Georgia | 234A |

4. A filing window for Channel 234A at Crawfordville, Georgia, will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening this allotment for auction will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the counterproposal filed by Sutton Radiocasting Corporation proposing an allotment at Midway-Hardwick, Georgia, IS DISMISSED.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

7. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Kathleen Scheuerle, Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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